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1. [] in a position of about N 59-00, E 20-00, a Soviet cruiser of the SVERDLOV Class was observed maneuvering alone on various courses.¹ No flag or name was observed on the ship. The vessel was observed for the first time at about 0330; it appeared to be sailing on various courses without lights for a short time, and then the lights were turned on.
2. The cruiser was observed frequently throughout the day, up to about 1530. It then disappeared on a course due north. Several times the vessel cruised at a speed that was estimated to be over thirty knots.
3. A vessel of apparently the same size and type was also observed farther north.
4. [] a cruiser and several ~~WMS~~ were holding maneuvers every day during the daylight hours. []
[] At night, the ships entered a harbor (sic).

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1. [] Comment: The Soviet cruiser was definitely identified as a SVERDLOV Class cruiser.

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